

COPS 2019-FOI-061

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Dear Mr. Evers:

This is an interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request emailed on May 23, 2019, in which you requested all communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, calendar invitations/entries, letters, memoranda, or other communications) between the DOJ officials listed and any representative of the organizations listed. On May 23, 2019, Khahilia Shaw confirmed that you are interested in any information that may reference consent decrees or possible agency guidance on community oriented policing. On June 10, 2019, Khahilia Shaw was informed it would take 6-8 months to complete the search and review of emails and calendar invitations/entries.

At this time, we have identified five pages which may be responsive to your request. I have determined that one page is appropriate for release without redactions and a copy is enclosed. Also enclosed are four pages that are appropriate for release with redactions pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6) of the FOIA. Exemption 6 (5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6)) pertains to information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison Melissa Fieri-Fetrow at 202-514-1873 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and

Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you have further questions, please address your inquiry to this office, Attention: FOIA Officer. You may also call us at 202 616-0825 or fax any correspondence to 202 514-3456. If you would like further information about the COPS Office, please visit our Internet site at <https://www.cops.usdoj.gov>.

Sincerely,

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FOIA Officer



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Agenda – Director’s Version
Blue Alert Advisory Group Meeting
Wednesday May 23, 2018
1:00 – 1:30 EDT

TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

Call-in number: (877) 465-7975

Passcode: 155 425 26#

OPENING (b) (6)

- 1) Roll call
- 2) Introduction of Director Keith

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

- 1) Thank you to Advisory Group members for their continued support and the important work being done by their organizations in support of law enforcement
- 2) Commitment of Administration to National Blue Alert Act
 - a) Police Week Proclamation by POTUS featuring Blue Alert
 - b) AG acknowledged FCC Chairman Pai at Candlelight Vigil for his work in creating a dedicated Emergency Alert System (EAS) event code for Blue Alerts
- 3) Approach - Battle Plan Moving Forward
 - a) Widen support for interested Blue Alert and non-Blue Alert states
 - b) Focus on states without Blue Alert statutes/plans – Identify potential partners within those states who we can share information with.
 - c) Provide on-site support and technical assistance – when practical
- 4) Other – Any other item(s) the Director wishes to speak about
- 5) Turn it over to (b) (6) who will provide a summary of Blue Alert activities

ACTIVITIES UPDATE (b) (6)

- 1) Get feedback on downloadable toolkit elements for law enforcement agencies
- 2) Close the meeting

National Blue Alert Advisory Group Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, November 28, 2018 1:00 p.m. (EST)

TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

Call-in number: (877) 465-7975

Passcode: 155 518 76#

- I. Welcome/Roll Call
- II. Update on Recent Blue Alert Network Activities
 - a. IACP Conference (get list of speaking engagements from Shannon)
 - b. Fusion Center (ask (b) (6) if he wants to do a report out)
- III. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Promotion of the National Blue Alert Network to 19 non-Blue Alert states
 - i. Overview of past outreach calls
 - ii. Thank you to Advisory Group for participating in calls
 - b. Specific upcoming state calls
 - c. Follow-up regarding past state calls
- IV. Conclusion

ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS

- [REDACTED] - Blue Alert Foundation
- [REDACTED] - Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)
 - [REDACTED] usually fills in
- [REDACTED] - National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO)
 - [REDACTED] will be filling in today
- [REDACTED] - International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
- [REDACTED] - National Sheriff's Association (NSA)

- [REDACTED] - National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund (NLEOMF)
 - [REDACTED] usually fills in
- [REDACTED] - Association for Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO)
- [REDACTED] - National Association of Broadcasters (NAB)

Blue Alert National Advisory Group Meeting – 11/28/18 1:00pm

Talking Points for the Director re IACP speaking events

- It was good seeing so many of you at the IACP Conference this year. I want to congratulate IACP for another successful conference.
- I wanted to give you an update of what we did to promote the Blue Alert Network during the Conference.
- We distributed Blue Alert materials throughout the Conference. Specifically we distributed hundreds of copies of our Blue Alert map and Fact Sheet.
- We spoke at a number of workshops and meetings. Specifically, I personally spoke at 7 different meetings and workshops including:
 1. Major Cities Chiefs Association Fall Meeting
 2. Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies -- where they voted unanimously on a resolution in support of Blue Alert. Particular thanks to you (b) (6) for your help.
 3. Community Policing Committee Meeting
 4. SACOP Executive Director Committee Meeting – in attendance were several non-Blue Alert states, and all of which committed to working with us to advance Blue Alert. We handed out the Blue Alert materials and I was quick to point out that if your state was white on the map, we need to talk
 5. International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST)
 6. Indian Country Law Enforcement Section Meeting
 7. National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives
- We appreciate all of your support at the Conference.

11/28/18

National Blue Alert Advisory Group Meeting

Expected

[REDACTED], NSA
[REDACTED], FOP (for [REDACTED])
[REDACTED], NAPO (for [REDACTED])
[REDACTED], ICAP (for [REDACTED])
[REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED], NLEOMF (For [REDACTED])
[REDACTED], GBI
[REDACTED], NOBLE
[REDACTED], NOBLE
[REDACTED], BA Foundation
[REDACTED], COPS
[REDACTED], NAB
[REDACTED], APCO

Regrets

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